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SUBJECT: ITALIAN FONMIN'S VISIT TO BULGARIA

1. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT CONCLUSION OF ITALIAN FONMIN ALDO MORO'S VISIT TO BULGARIA MAY 26-28 PLACES PROPER EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF TALKS WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WERE MAIN FOCUS OF VISIT. DURING MORO'S STAY GOB CONCLUDED TEN YEAR AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, EXCHANGED DOCUMENTS OF RATIFICATION ON CONSULAR AGREEMENT, AS WELL AS NEW AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL AND PLANT PHYSIOLOGY.
2. BOTH SIDES ENDORSED FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS, ALTHOUGH AS EXPECTED, EMPHASIS IS

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ON "INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION" WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS "MOST

IMPORTANT STEP" IN DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS.
ITALIANS SEEM TO HAVE WON SOME POINTS, AT LEAST IN
COMMUNIQUE, ON IMPROVED CULTURAL RELATIONS; DOCUMENT
SAYS BOTH SIDES WILL "INSTRUCT COMPETENT AUTHORITIES"
TO PROMOTE DEEPER TIES IN FIELDS OF "EDUCATION,
ART, HEALTH, SPORT AND OTHER CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS".

3. ON FOREIGN POLICY COMMUNIQUE CONTAINS NO SURPRISES
AND ENDORSES CSCE (WITHOUT DETAILS), UN MIDDLE EAST
RESOLUTIONS, AND ADHERENCE TO PARIS ACCORDS ON VIETNAM.
BOTH SIDES DID ENDORSE CALLING OF WORLD DISARMAMENT
CONFERENCE WITH PARTICIPATION OF ALL INTERESTED COUNTRIES.

4. COMMENT: MORO VISIT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN QUITE SATIS-
FACTORY IN IMPROVING ATMOSPHERE, IF NOT SUBSTANCE, OF
BILATERAL RELATIONS. BULGARS CERTAINLY GAVE HIM RED
CARPET TREATMENT IN MEDIA, AS WELL AS EXPECTED ACCESS TO
TOP BCP AND GOB LEADERSHIP. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
DETAILS ROME CAN PROVIDE ON TEN YEAR ECONOMIC AGREEMENT.
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